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LEGISLATURE (ASSEMBLY) SECRETARIAT.

24-2-1954.

STARRED.

SRI Y. MANJAYYA SHETTY, M.L.A.

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT.

*Q.No.1529.

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CNO. 275-78 (a) AIII/54

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To A.S

Agri (A III) Dept

Advance copy may be circulated to M(F&E) for perusal.

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Venkataraman

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C. Gopalan Nayar

A.S./M(F&E)

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Agri (AIII)

Memo. No. 27578(a) AIII/54-1 dt. 18.3.54

Sub: Destitution - Madras State - South Kanara dt. - Steps taken to check the rise in prices of rice in open market - Particulars.

The Board of Rev(c.s) is requested to state the various steps taken by Govt to check the abnormal rise in the price of rice in open market in S. Kanara district. As the information is required to answer Assembly question the Board is requested to furnish the particulars very urgently with additional information that may be useful for answering possible supplementary questions.

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Pl. issue today.
19/3/54.

To the Bd. of Rev(c.s)
[R.J. 31.3.54]

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BOARD OF REVENUE(CIVIL SUPPLIES).
Subject.

CIVIL SUPPLIES--South Kanara district--Rise in the price of rice in open market--Steps taken to check the rise--Report--Submitted.
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/L.Dis.No.22438-UII/54,CS,dated 26th March 1954/

From

Sri.M.V.Subramanian.,I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Civil Supplies,Madras.

Sri.K.Suppa Menon.,I.A.S.,
Secretary to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies,
Chepauk,Madras.

FOURTH ASSISTANT SECRETARY
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28 MAR 1954
AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Read again:-1.Government Memo No.12421-AIII/54-1,Agriculture, dated 15-2-1954.
2.Bd's Ref.14903/UII/54-1,CS,dated 12-3-1954.

Read also:- Government Memo 27578-(a).AIII/54-1,Agriculture, dated 18-3-1954.

With reference to their memo dated 18-3-1954, cited, the Board invites the attention of the Government to its reference read above submitting in original, the report of the Collector of South Kanara C.No.5200/54.P1,dated 6-3-1954, wherein he had reported in detail the main reasons for the rise in the price of rice in the open market in the district till the first fortnight of February 1954, and the steps taken by him to bring down the price.

2.The Collector has also since reported separately that the further rise in the price of rice has been arrested with the issue, through Fair Price shops of good quality rice received from Tanjore district and that there is no cause for anxiety at present. The issue of rice at enhanced scale through the Fair Price shops and/or the import of rice from Coorg and its distribution in the free market referred to in Board's L.Dis. No.A2.15440/54,CS,dated 6-3-1954 will tend to bring down the prices further.

27/3/54

for SECRETARY.

To

The Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department,
Fort St.George, Madras.

Copy to A.Section.

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AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT(A.III).

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(i) to be on the watch to find out cases of cornering of stocks by merchants and to requisition such stocks;

(ii) ~~(i)~~ to open more fair price shop in areas where prices show a tendency to rise abnormally.

(iii) ~~(iii)~~ to ensure that all fair price shops keep adequate stocks for issue to the consumers and to issue stocks to the consumers at the prescribed scale when demanded.

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(2) The fair price shops in the ex-statutory rationed urban areas and the ration shops in the informally rationed areas of the district are being continued. 4 ounces of rice and 6 ounces of other grains in the ex-statutory rationed urban areas and 7 ounces of rice and 5 ounces of other grains in the informally rationed areas are being issued.

(3) The Collector has also been instructed to take vigilant steps to stop smuggling of paddy and rice from the district and also to requisition paddy and rice from the hoarders under the provisions contained in the Foodgrains (Licensing & Procurement) Order, 1952 in order to bring down the open market prices of the commodities.

(4) The South Kanara Central Cooperative Wholesale Stores, Mangalore, has been permitted to import 2000 tons of rice from Coorg on their own account and to distribute the stock in the district at reasonable prices to be fixed by the Collr.

(4) South Kanara district excluding Hosdrug sub-taluk and Periya and Kodoth villages of Kasargod taluks has been formed into a separate zone and the movement of paddy and rice outside the district has been prohibited. This will be useful for conserving what is produced within the district.

(5) The Collector has instructed the local Revenue Officials, ~~Tahsildars and Dy. Tahsildars~~ to keep a close watch on the situation and to take special measures to bring down the price in their respective jurisdiction by contacting big merchants and land owners and warning them against artificial inflation of prices and to form non official committees in all important centres for securing rice for sale to the poorer classes of people at lower rates.

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To

The Madras Legislature (Assembly) Sectt.(5copies).
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Copy for file.

Dpd. to Public (Elec.) Dept. S.G. 20/4/54

Agri No. 275-78(a) AIII/54-2

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AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT(A.III).

NOTE FOR SUPPLEMENTARIES.

In August 1952, when it was observed from the Collector's reports that there was a steep rise in prices of rice in open market in almost all the districts, it was considered essential that some practical measures should be taken to check the rise in prices. Accordingly, the Collectors of all districts were requested to take steps for adopting one or more of the following suggestions to arrest the rise in prices of rice.

(i) to be on the watch to find out cases of cornering of stocks by merchants and to requisition such stocks;

(ii) to open more fair price shops where prices show a tendency to rise abnormally; and

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2. In July 1953, when representations were made to Govt. by the S. Kanara Dt. Congress Committee and others regarding the high prices in that district, the Collector was informed that in order to check the upward tendency in the open market price of rice and paddy, vigilant steps should be taken to stop smuggling of paddy and rice and also to requisition paddy from the hoarders under the provision contained in the Foodgrains (Licensing & Procurement) Order, 1952.

3. In January last, while orders were issued for the closure of fair price shops functioning in the ex-statutorily rationed urban areas, the Collectors were given discretion to open

fair price shops in the above areas wherever necessary without waiting for the orders of the Board or the Govt. so as to avoid delay, provided stocks for issue through the shops are readily available in the district. In such cases the Collectors were asked to report the fact of reopening the shops as soon as possible to the Board and to the Govt. So far no such intimation has been received by the Govt.

4. South Kanara district excluding Hosdrug sub taluk and Periya and Kodoth villages of Kasargod taluks has been formed into a separate zone (West Zone II) and movement of foodgrains outside this zone has been prohibited. This measure is useful to conserve stocks of foodgrains produced and available within the district.

5. Fair price shops in the ex-statutory rationed areas and ration shops in the informally rationed areas of the district are being continued. In the former areas 4 ounces of rice and 6 ounces of other grains are issued and in the latter areas 7 ounces of rice and 5 ounces of other grains are issued.

6. The Collector/S.Kanara has reported that the main reason for the rise in the price of rice is the reduction in the quantum of rice portion of ration in the ex-statutory rationed areas and also the tendency on the part of the land-owners, producers and traders to withhold stocks from the market with a view to get higher price during lean months. The partial failure of the 2nd crop has also contributed to the present rise in price. It is since reported that the further rise in the price of rice has been arrested with the issue through

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fair price shops, of good quality rice received from Tanjore district and that there is no cause for anxiety at present.

7. In this connection it is submitted that in order to bring down the price of rice in South Kanara the Government have permitted the President, South Kanara Central Cooperativ Wholesale Stores, Mangalore to import 2000 tons of rice from Coorg on their own account subject to certain terms, conditions and safeguards proposed by the Board so as to ensure the equitable distribution of the above stock at reasonable prices to be fixed by the Collector of South Kanara. In addition to the above, the Board has also been requested to consider the desirability of increasing the scale of ration in the ex-statutory rationed urban areas to 7 ozs. of rice and to revive the issue of 2 ozs. in the rural areas even from now ~~on~~ instead of from May 1954 as ~~is usually done~~ previously proposed. The Board's report is awaited.

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Cf Para 3 on p 254 - F

Para 3 on p 270, LF

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Answered on 17/9/54

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AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT.

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S Venkata Raman 15.4.54

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

The above answer has been approved by the Minister for Finance and Education.

To

The Madras Legislature (Assembly) Secretariat.(5 copies).
Copy to the Public (Election) Department.

Agriculture Department U.O. No.27578(a)A.III/54-2
Dated 14.4.54.

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V Venkata Raman
15/1/54

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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PSM/14.4.

Steps taken to check the rise in the price of rice in South Kanara.

879 *Q.*—SRI T. ANANTA PAI (on behalf of Sri Y. Manjaya Shetty) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

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Madras Legis. I-3—8,000—26-5-53.

SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE,
GOVERNMENT ESTATE, MOUNT ROAD,
Madras, dated the 195 .

FOURTH ASSISTANT SECRETARY
6 - MAR 1954
AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

QUESTION No. 1529 for the meeting of the Legislative Assembly ~~to be held on the~~ commenced on 22-2-1954 .

Two copies of this question are forwarded to the Agriculture Department.

~~The question has been admitted.~~

To

The Agriculture Department.

D.O.No. 2245/54-38 n 2.
5-3-54.

AGRICULTURE DEPTT.(A.III).

The starred Question by Sri Y. Manjayya Shetty, M.L.A., at p. 1 c.f. may be perused.

An advance copy of the question has been circulated separately to M(F.& E.) for perusal. Based on the information available in the Office a draft answer and a Note for Supplementaries are submitted.

The case may be circulated to M(F.&E.) for approval of the draft answer and the Note for Supplementaries

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C Gopalan Nayar
ADS 16.3.54

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As orally instructed a draft memo to the Bd. of Rev(C.S) is submitted for approval.

ON
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18/3/54

(Memo No. 27578 (a) A III/54-1 dt 18-3-54)
(From the Bd of Rev (C.S) No. 22438-A II/54 CS dt 26-3-54)

Please see the Assembly question on p. 1 c/f.
Particulars have been called for from the Bd of Rev(C.S) and Based on the report of the Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies) at p. 7 c.f. and the information contained in the letter from the Collector of South Kanara at pp.19-20 c.f. of L.F. below a draft answer ~~is~~ and a note for supplementaries are submitted. The file may be circulated to M(F.& E.) for approval of the draft answer and note for supplementaries.

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C.P. Gopalan Nayar 7/4/54
AT(P) 8/4/54

Thro A II for 8/4/54
(w.r.t. slip for Asst 8/4)
5/4/54

M(F&E) Subramaniam
10.4.54

The question has been answered by M(F&E) in the Assembly on 17-3-54. The printed proceedings of the Assembly may be awaited till 20-3-54 for taking further action on the supplementaries, if any.

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A new procedure has been prescribed. Pl arrn A I.

SR 18/5/54

A.S' order at the bottom of p.2 above.

A copy of the U.O. note No 4350/Sh.3 Dt/12-5-54 of Legislature (Assembly) Secretariat received in A I sec is put up at (M). in the top file. As intimated in the above U.O. note, Pub (Elec) Dept may be requested to put up the relevant extracts from the copy of the Assembly proceedings on 17-5-54 received by them, relating to the question in the C.F. for taking further action in this file in supplementary questions if any.

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Pub (Elec) Dept.

Agri No: 27.5.78(a) Agri/54-3
25-5-54

Please see the note of Agri. Dept. above and the note of this Dept. in the top file. The file may be returned to Agri. Dept.

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Agri. (Agri)

(Lf to cm 40869 Agri/54-Agri)

P(E III) 1347/54

Pub (Elec III) U.O 1347/54-1
27-5-54

The Pub (Elec) Dept may again be reminded on 15-6-54.

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Agri (A III) Dept

The Pub (Elec) Dept may be requested to ~~state whether final orders on 'B' in their note dtd 3.4.54 by the~~ ~~have been passed if so~~ to put up the relevant extract from the copy of the Assembly proceedings relating to the question in the C.F for taking further action in this file.

15/6/54 Sd/- 15.6.54

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Pub (Elec) Deptt.

Please see the note of Agri. Deptt above. Their attention may be invited to U.O. Note No. 1466/54-I dt/ 21.6.54 and the file returned to them. They may contact the Legr. Sectt. for any extract of proceedings they may require.

Agri No. 27578(a) dt/21-6-54 (A)

Pub (Elec III) Dept. 1491. 22-6-54

22.6.54 Sd/- 22/6/54

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Pub. (Elec III) U.O. 1491/54-I dt 24-6-54.

Agri (A III) Dept

The Pub (Elec) Dept note above may be perused. The file may now be sent to Legislature Secretariat w.r.t. A above.

8568(a) dt/ 24/6/54 Sd/- 30.6.54

Sd/- 1.7.54 Legis Sectt

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The printed proceedings of the Assembly relating to the question in the C.F. is at p 25 of. No further action is called for on the question. The papers may be recorded as a Routine G.C.

There were no Supplementaries

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G.C. Bl. 1360 Dated 4/9/54.

M.L.A Qn. Starred No 1529 by Sri. J. Manjayya Shetty. Steps taken to check the rise in the price of rice in S. Kanara Dt. Question Answered. Papers Recorded

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2-9-54.